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FREEDOM FIGHTERS
FOREVER?!
BUTLER
AMASH
RAYOT

FOR YEARS THERE HAS ALWAYS
BEEN THOSE WHO FIGHT FOR GOOD, PROTECTING
THE INNOCENT OF KNOTHOLE AND ABROAD.
AS WITH EVERY STORY THERE IS A BEGINNING.
THESE FIVE HEROES WOULD GO ON
TO INSPIRE GENERATIONS TO COME. MOST NOTABLY,
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND THE PRESENT DAY
FREEDOM FIGHTERS. THIS IS THE STORY OF

THE ORIGINAL FREEDOM FIGHTERS

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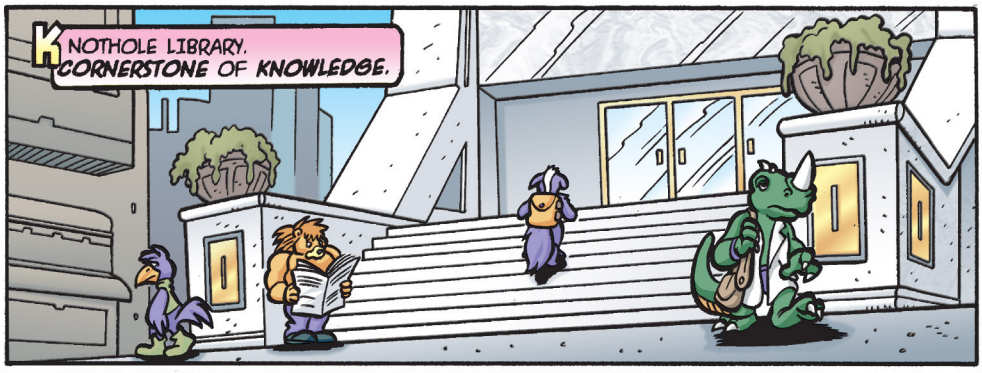
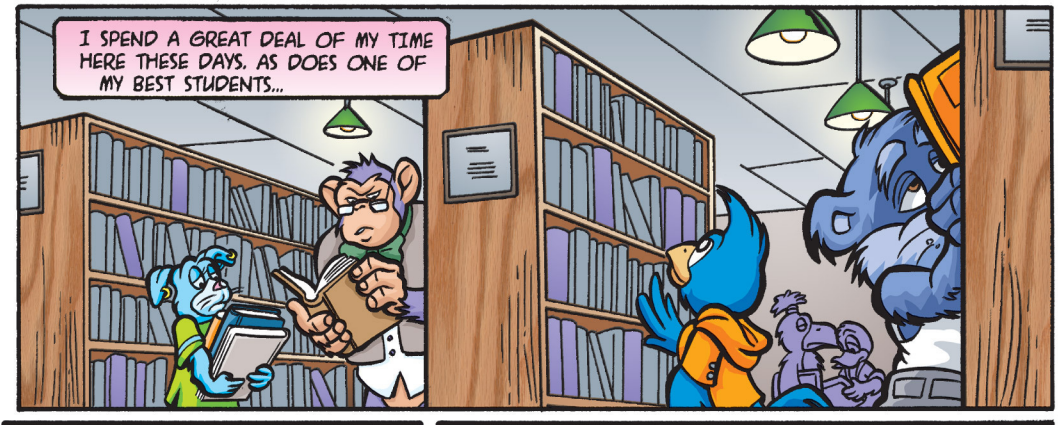
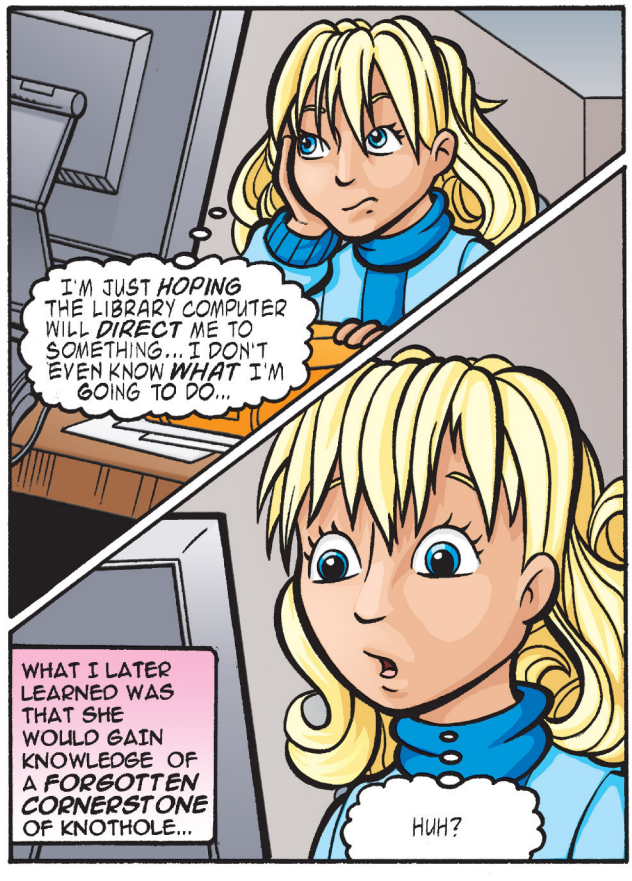

KNOTHOLE LIBRARY. CORNERSTONE OF KNOWLEDGE.


I SPEND A GREAT DEAL OF MY TIME HERE THESE DAYS, AS DOES ONE OF MY BEST STUDENTS...

...A LITTLE HUMAN GIRL NAMED HOPE.
WHY DID I WAIT 'TIL LAST MINUTE TO DO MY HISTORY REPORT FOR SCHOOL?


I'M JUST HOPING THE LIBRARY COMPUTER WILL DIRECT ME TO SOMETHING... I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO...
WHAT I LATER LEARNED WAS THAT SHE WOULD GAIN KNOWLEDGE OF A FORGOTTEN CORNERSTONE OF KNOTHOLE...
HUH?

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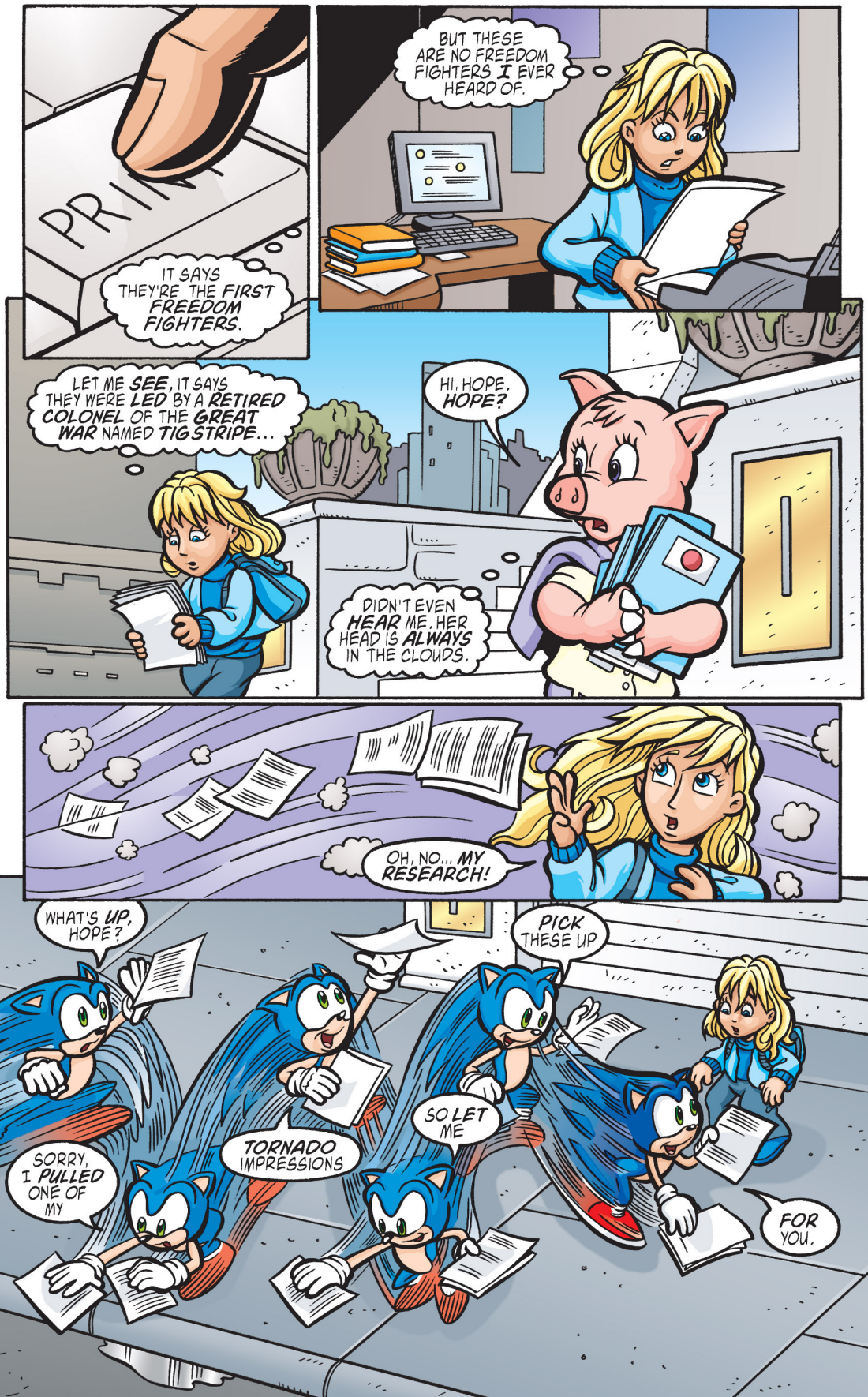
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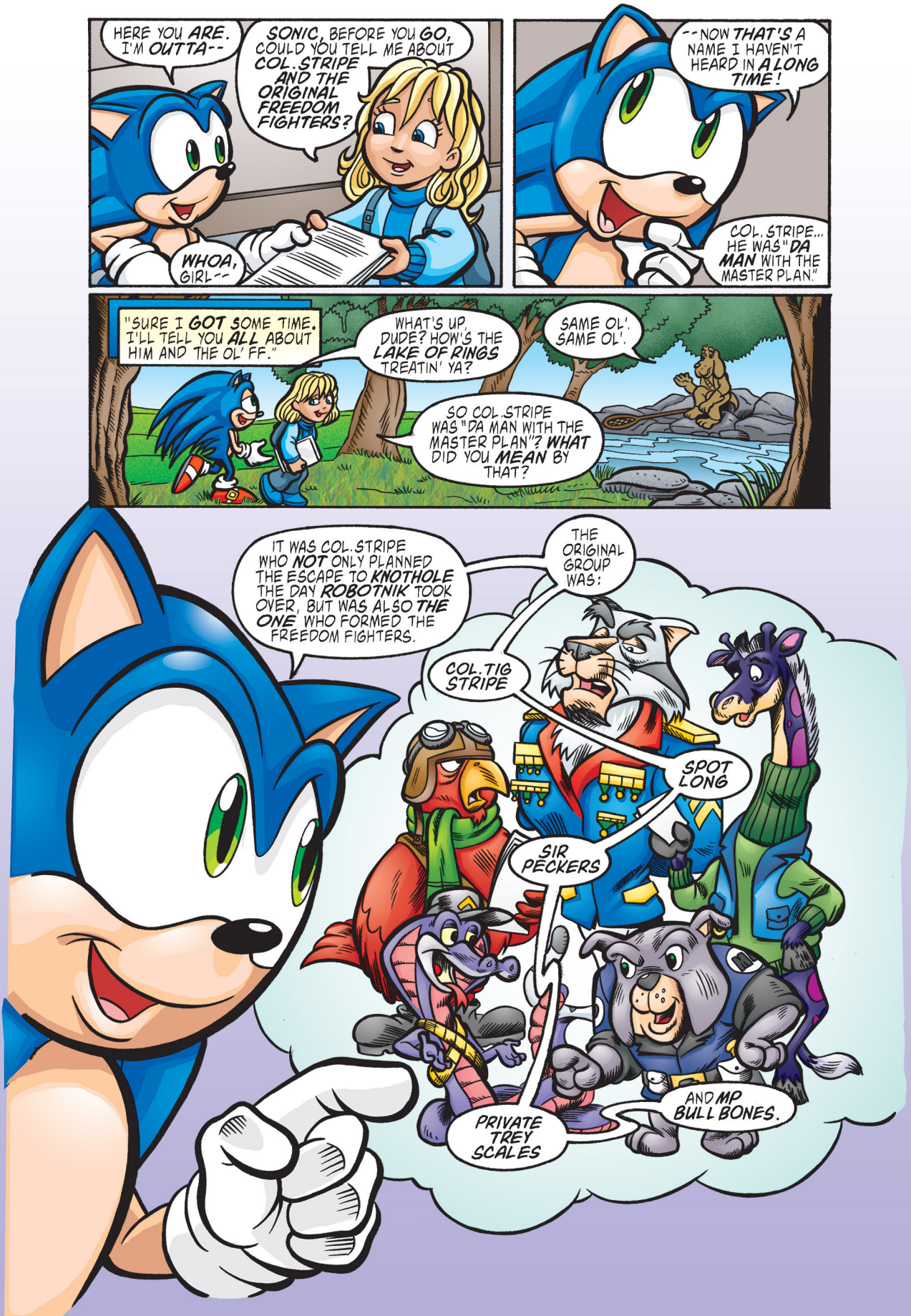
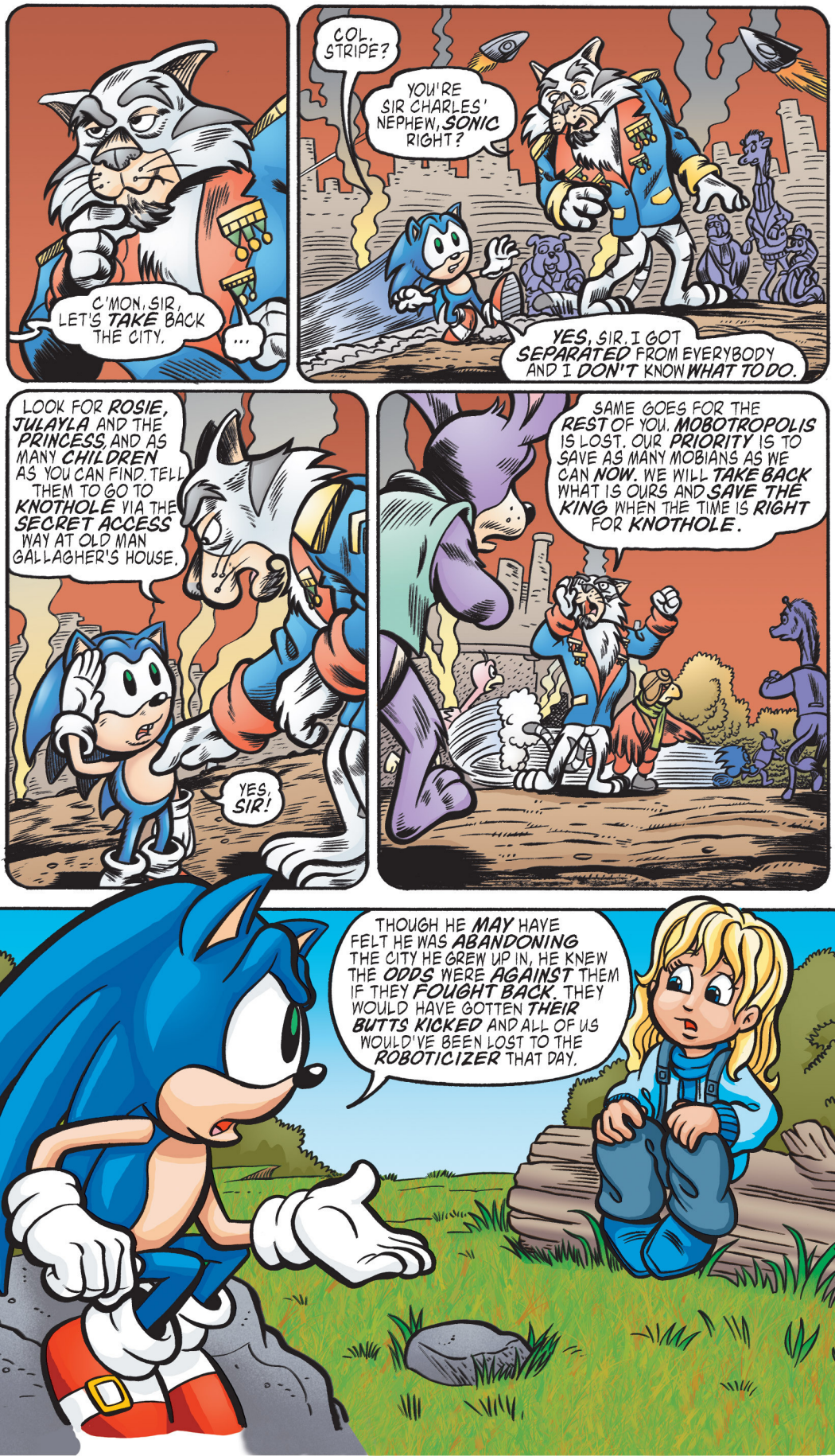
IT SAYS THEY'RE THE FIRST FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
BUT THESE ARE NO FREEDOM FIGHTERS I EVER HEARD OF.
LET ME SEE, IT SAYS THEY WERE LED BY A RETIRED COLONEL OF THE GREAT WAR NAMED TIGSTRIPE...
HI, HOPE. HOPE?
DIDN'T EVEN HEAR ME. HER HEAD IS ALWAYS IN THE CLOUDS.
OH, NO... MY RESEARCH!
WHAT'S UP, HOPE?
SORRY, I PULLED ONE OF MY
TORNADO IMPRESSIONS
SO LET ME
PICK THESE UP
FOR YOU.

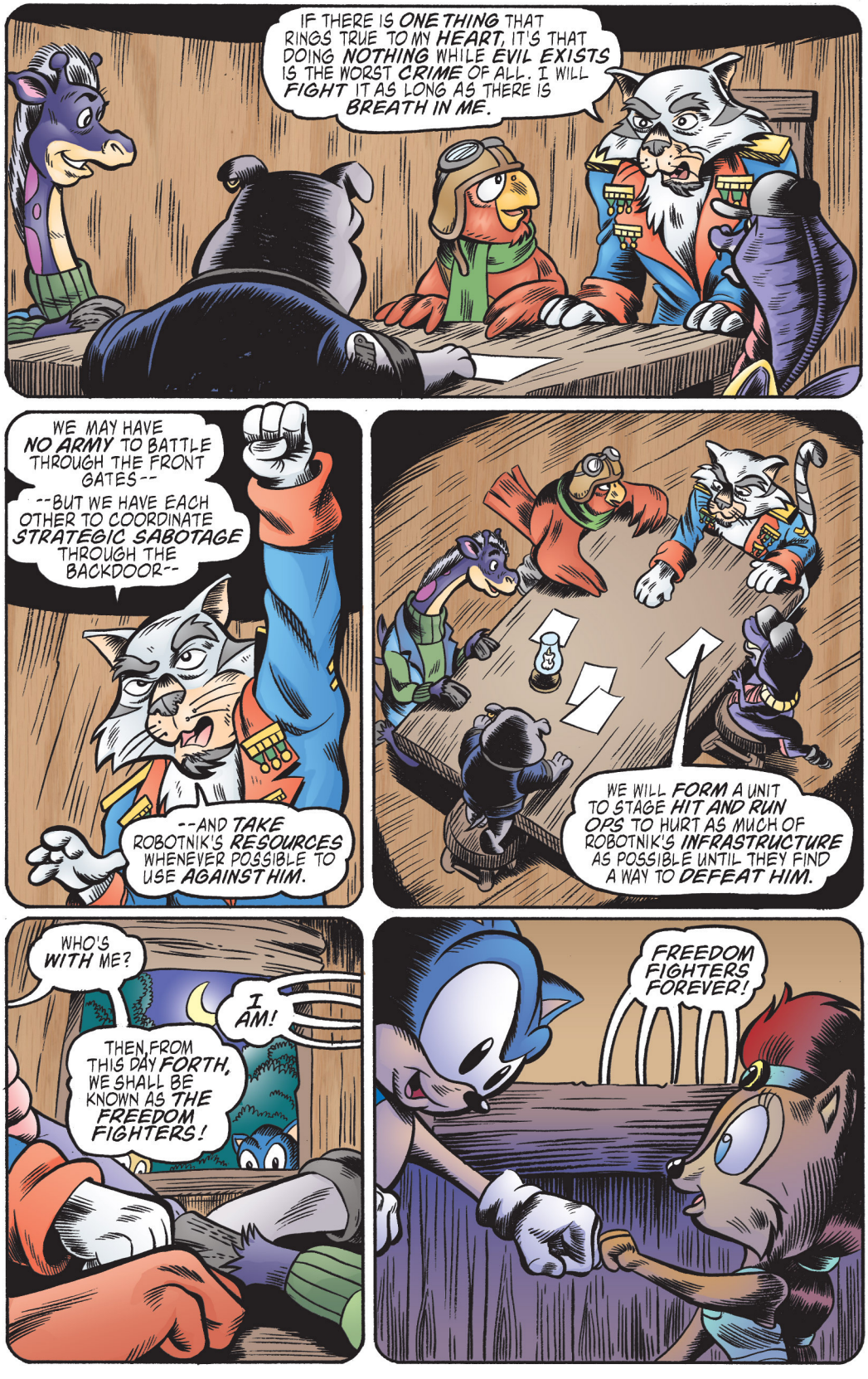

HERE YOU ARE. I'M OUTTA--
SONIC, BEFORE YOU GO, COULD YOU TELL ME ABOUT COL. STRIPE AND THE ORIGINAL FREEDOM FIGHTERS?
WHOA, GIRL--
--NOW THAT'S A NAME I HAVEN'T HEARD IN A LONG TIME!
COL. STRIPE... HE WAS "DA MAN WITH THE MASTER PLAN."
"SURE I GOT SOME TIME. I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT HIM AND THE OL' FF."
WHAT'S UP, DUDE? HOW'S THE LAKE OF RINGS TREATIN' YA?
SAME OL'. SAME OL'.
SO COL. STRIPE WAS "DA MAN WITH THE MASTER PLAN"? WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT?
IT WAS COL. STRIPE WHO NOT ONLY PLANNED THE ESCAPE TO KNOTHOLE THE DAY ROBOTNIK TOOK OVER, BUT WAS ALSO THE ONE WHO FORMED THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
THE ORIGINAL GROUP WAS:
COL. TIG STRIPE
SPOT LONG
SIR PECKERS
PRIVATE TREY SCALES
AND MP BULL BONES.

"I WAS FIVE YEARS OLD THE DAY ROBOTNIK OVERTHREW KING ACORN AND TOOK OVER OLD MOBOTROPOLIS."
"WHILE ROBOTNIK SACKED THE CASTLE, HIS SWATBOTS WERE ROUNDING UP ALL THE CITIZENS INTO ROBOTIZATION CAMPS."
"THOUGH RETIRED, COL. STRIPE HAD NO PROBLEM GETTING INTO ROUTINE AND ISSUING ORDERS."
"HE TRIED TO GET EVERYONE TO SAFETY."
PECKERS, WHAT'S THE STATUS FROM THE SKY?
I'M AFRAID THE WHOLE CITY IS OVERRUN WITH THESE ROBOTS.
IT MUST BE WARLORD JULIAN'S WORK. SOMETHING TOLD ME HE WAS NOT TO BE TRUSTED.
COL. STRIPE! HAVE YOU HEARD? THE KING HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY WARLORD JULIAN!
NO, BUT IT DOESN'T SURPRISE ME.
WE'VE GOT TO SAVE THE KING--
DESIGNATION: MOBIANS. SURRENDER TO THE WILL OF DR. ROBOTNIK. YOU ARE TO BE TAKEN TO CAMP SECTION 12.5.
I DON'T THINK SO!
KRASH
HERE, LET ME DESIGNATE YOUR BOT-TOCKS!

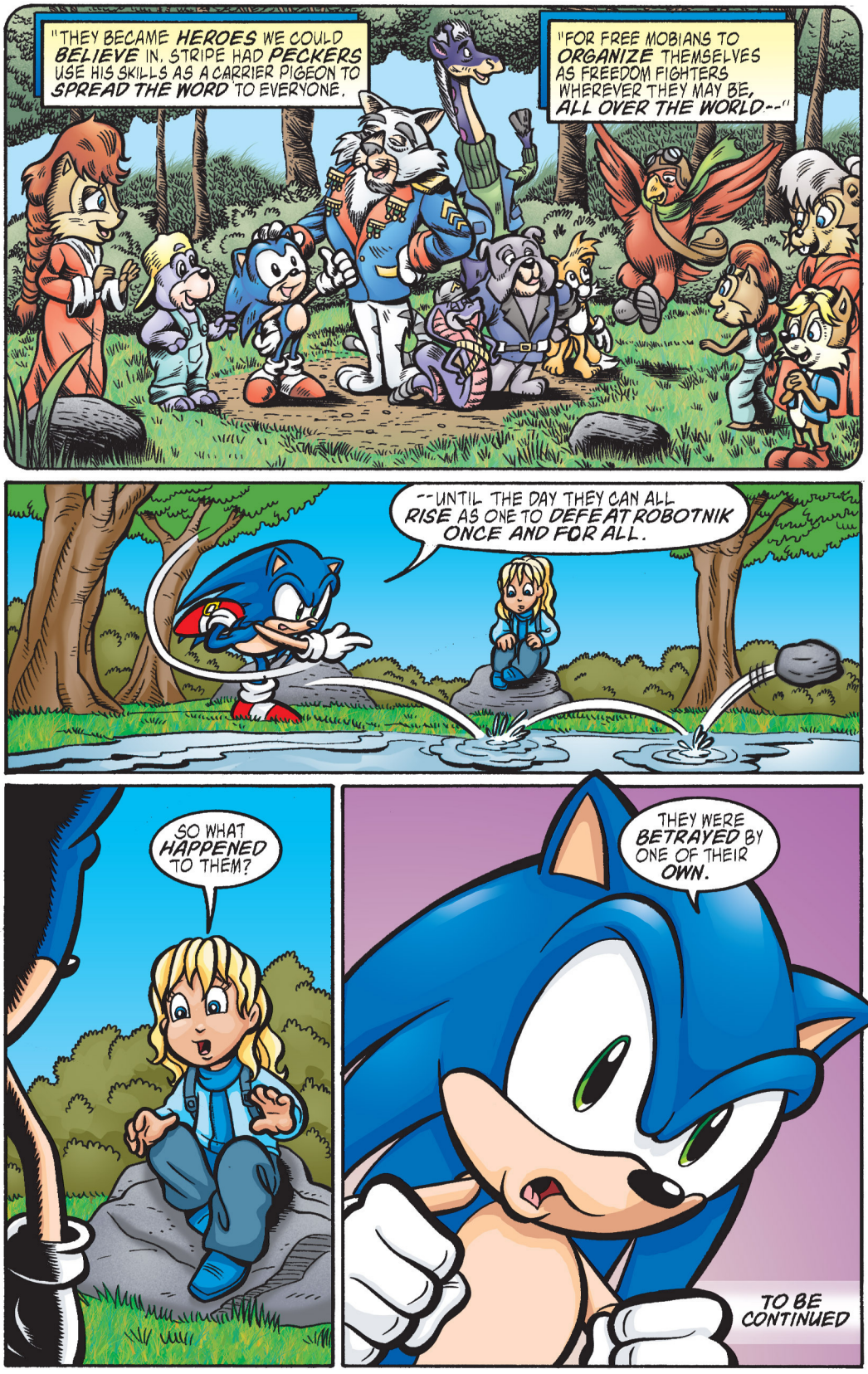

C'MON, SIR, LET'S TAKE BACK THE CITY.
...
COL. STRIPE?
YOU'RE SIR CHARLES' NEPHEW, SONIC RIGHT?
YES, SIR. I GOT SEPARATED FROM EVERYBODY AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
LOOK FOR ROSIE, JULAYLA AND THE PRINCESS, AND AS MANY CHILDREN AS YOU CAN FIND. TELL THEM TO GO TO KNOTHOLE VIA THE SECRET ACCESS WAY AT OLD MAN GALLAGHER'S HOUSE.
YES, SIR!
SAME GOES FOR THE REST OF YOU. MOBOTROPOLIS IS LOST. OUR PRIORITY IS TO SAVE AS MANY MOBIANS AS WE CAN NOW. WE WILL TAKE BACK WHAT IS OURS AND SAVE THE KING WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR KNOTHOLE.
THOUGH HE MAY HAVE FELT HE WAS ABANDONING THE CITY HE GREW UP IN, HE KNEW THE ODDS WERE AGAINST THEM IF THEY FOUGHT BACK. THEY WOULD HAVE GOTTEN THEIR BUTTS KICKED AND ALL OF US WOULD'VE BEEN LOST TO THE ROBOTICIZER THAT DAY.

HE KNEW IT WAS THE LOGICAL THING TO DO. HE SAVED US WITH HIS QUICK THINKING AND GOT HUNDREDS OF MOBIANS SAFELY TO KNOTHOLE.
"IT WAS UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP THAT KNOTHOLE BECAME AN EFFICIENT COOL VILLAGE WE COULD ALL LIVE IN."
"EVERYONE WORKED TOGETHER LIKE A FAMILY BACK THEN. ALL WE HAD WAS EACH OTHER."
"AND THEN ONE NIGHT ME AND SAL OVER HEARD THEM TALKING--"

WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING TO TAKE DOWN ROBOTNIK--
NOW!
BAM
"ALL I REMEMBER WAS HOW COOL COL. STRIPE WAS.
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE US DO?
I DON'T KNOW... SOMETHING!
I AGREE WITH BULL, WE CANNOT JUST SIT BACK AND DO NOTHING WHILE ROBOTNIK SYSTEMATICALLY TAKES OVER THE WORLD VIA ROBOTICIZATION.
BUT TO ATTACK OUTRIGHT WOULD BE FOOLHARDY. WE DO NOT HAVE THE MOBIAN-POWER TO AMASS AN ARMY, NOR THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO WIN.
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS A LOT AS OF LATE, AND YOU ARE BOTH RIGHT. SO WE WILL DO BOTH.
HUH?


IF THERE IS ONE THING THAT RINGS TRUE TO MY HEART, IT'S THAT DOING NOTHING WHILE EVIL EXISTS IS THE WORST CRIME OF ALL. I WILL FIGHT IT AS LONG AS THERE IS BREATH IN ME.
WE MAY HAVE NO ARMY TO BATTLE THROUGH THE FRONT GATES--
--BUT WE HAVE EACH OTHER TO COORDINATE STRATEGIC SABOTAGE THROUGH THE BACKDOOR--
--AND TAKE ROBOTNIK'S RESOURCES WHENEVER POSSIBLE TO USE AGAINST HIM.
WE WILL FORM A UNIT TO STAGE HIT AND RUN OPS TO HURT AS MUCH OF ROBOTNIK'S INFRASTRUCTURE AS POSSIBLE UNTIL THEY FIND A WAY TO DEFEAT HIM.
WHO'S WITH ME?
I AM!
THEN, FROM THIS DAY FORTH, WE SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
FREEDOM FIGHTERS FOREVER!

"AND THEY DID JUST THAT."
"HURTING ROBOTNIK AND HIS PLANS ANY WAY THEY COULD."
"THEY RAIDED FACTORIES FOR SUPPLIES AND DESTROYED THEM TO STOP 'EM FROM BEING USED AGAIN."
"THEY EVEN RESCUED ME ONCE WHEN I WAS SEVEN. I WAS TOO CLOSE TO ROBOTROPOLIS AND WAS IN WAY OVER MY HEAD."
"SEEING THEM IN ACTION WAS GREAT."
"I REALLY LIKED COL. STRIPE. HE WAS COOL WITH ME AND I WANTED TO BE JUST LIKE HIM-- A FREEDOM FIGHTER."


"THEY BECAME HEROES WE COULD BELIEVE IN. STRIPE HAD PECKERS USE HIS SKILLS AS A CARRIER PIGEON TO SPREAD THE WORD TO EVERYONE.
"FOR FREE MOBIANS TO ORGANIZE THEMSELVES AS FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHEREVER THEY MAY BE, ALL OVER THE WORLD--"
--UNTIL THE DAY THEY CAN ALL RISE AS ONE TO DEFEAT ROBOTNIK ONCE AND FOR ALL.
SO WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?
THEY WERE BETRAYED BY ONE OF THEIR OWN.
TO BE CONTINUED

AMY ROSE in
I WANNA BE A FREEDOM FIGHTER!
I WANNA. I WANNA. I WANNA. I WANNA. I WANNA.
PLEASE... YOU MUST UNDERSTAND, AMY, YOU ARE WAY TOO YOUNG AND INEXPERIENCED TO BE A FREEDOM FIGHTER.
AND TAILS?
HE MAY BE YOUNG, BUT HIS EXPERIENCE MORE THAN MAKES UP FOR IT.
YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT BECAUSE YOU WANT TO KEEP SONIC ALL TO YOURSELF. HMPH.
=SIGH=
BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE FINE TEAM OF:
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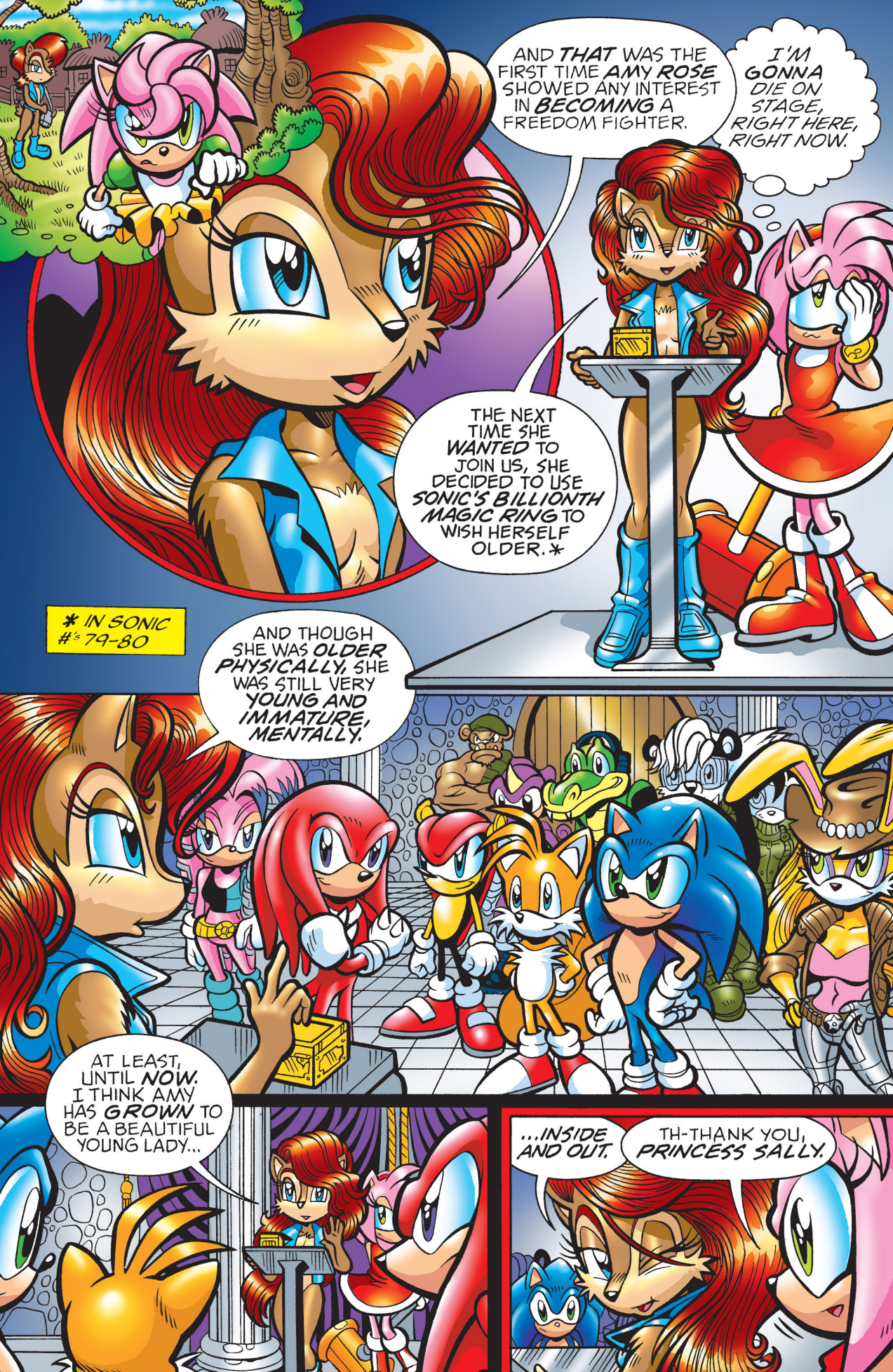
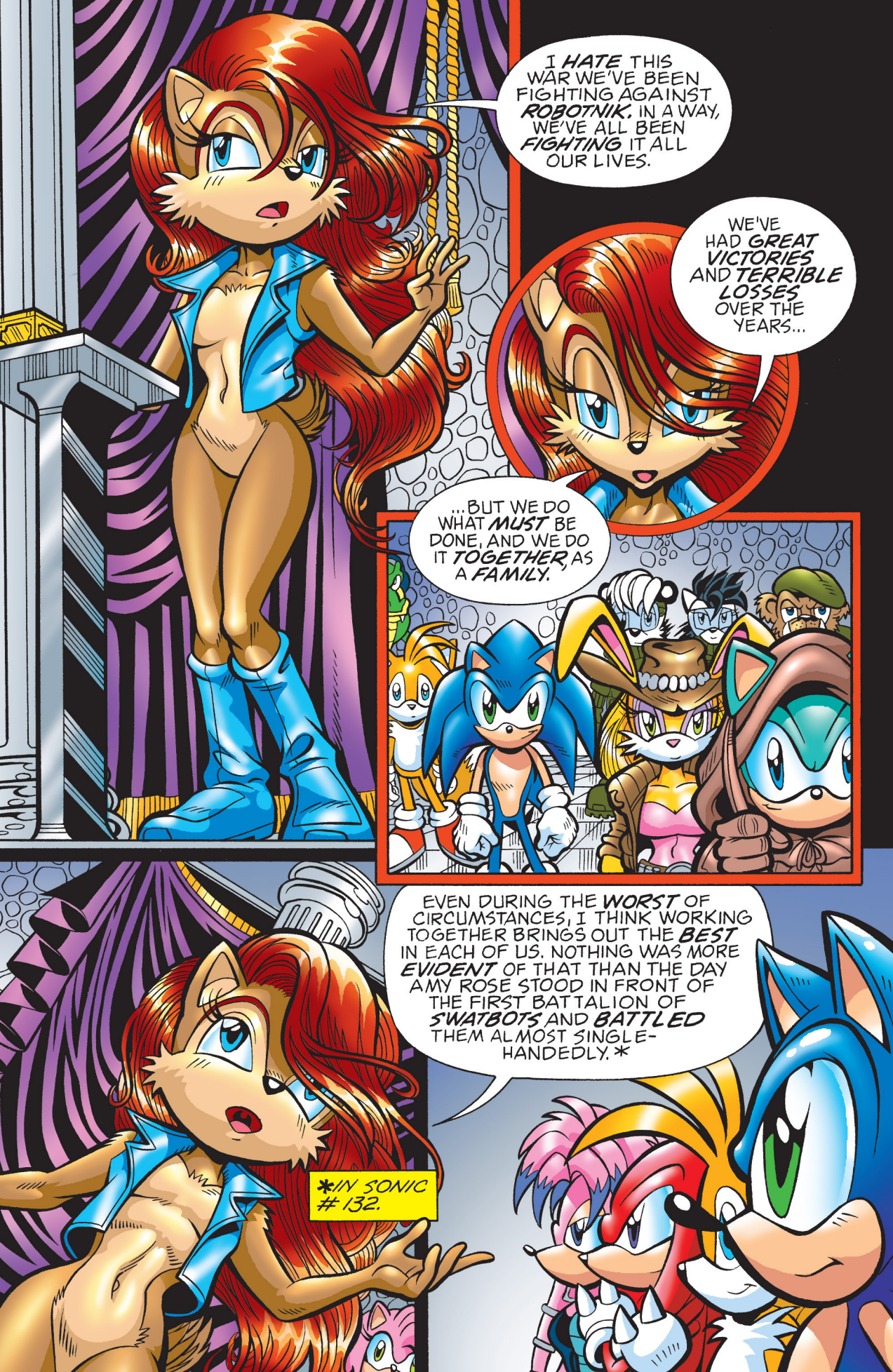
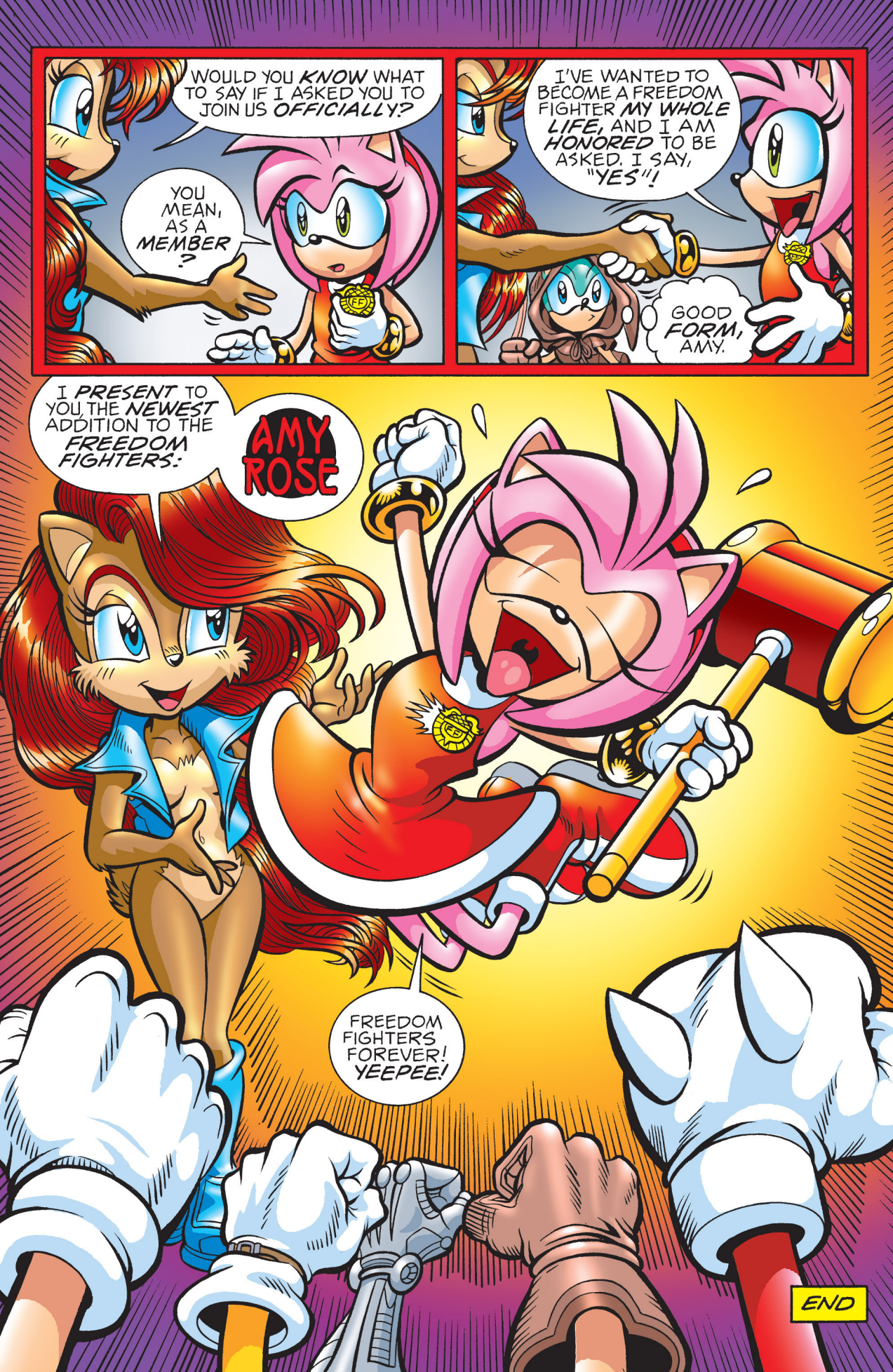

AND THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME AMY ROSE SHOWED ANY INTEREST IN BECOMING A FREEDOM FIGHTER.
I'M GONNA DIE ON STAGE, RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW.
THE NEXT TIME SHE WANTED TO JOIN US, SHE DECIDED TO USE SONIC'S BILLIONTH MAGIC RING TO WISH HERSELF OLDER.*
* IN SONIC #'S 79-80
AND THOUGH SHE WAS OLDER PHYSICALLY, SHE WAS STILL VERY YOUNG AND IMMATURE, MENTALLY.
AT LEAST, UNTIL NOW. I THINK AMY HAS GROWN TO BE A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY...
...INSIDE AND OUT.
TH-THANK YOU, PRINCESS SALLY.


I HATE THIS WAR WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING AGAINST ROBOTNIK. IN A WAY, WE'VE ALL BEEN FIGHTING IT ALL OUR LIVES.
WE'VE HAD GREAT VICTORIES AND TERRIBLE LOSSES OVER THE YEARS...
...BUT WE DO WHAT MUST BE DONE, AND WE DO IT TOGETHER, AS A FAMILY.
EVEN DURING THE WORST OF CIRCUMSTANCES, I THINK WORKING TOGETHER BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN EACH OF US. NOTHING WAS MORE EVIDENT OF THAT THAN THE DAY AMY ROSE STOOD IN FRONT OF THE FIRST BATTALION OF SWATBOTS AND BATTLED THEM ALMOST SINGLE-HANDEDLY.*
*IN SONIC #132.

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY PIKO-PIKO HAMMER.
SORRY.
NO, NO... YOU'RE RIGHT. IF I'M GOING TO TELL THE STORY, I HAVE TO TELL IT RIGHT.
AMY (AND HER PIKO-PIKO HAMMER) GAVE EVERYONE AT FORT ACORN THE TIME NEEDED TO PLAN A GOOD DEFENSE AGAINST THE SECOND, AND MUCH DEADLIER, BATTALION OF 'BOTS, AND SAVED US ALL FROM NUCLEAR FALLOUT.
THAT IS WHY TODAY, WE ARE HONORING AMY ROSE HEDGEHOG WITH THE ACORN MEDAL OF VALOR.
I-I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY.


WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT TO SAY IF I ASKED YOU TO JOIN US OFFICIALLY?
YOU MEAN, AS A MEMBER?
I'VE WANTED TO BECOME A FREEDOM FIGHTER MY WHOLE LIFE, AND I AM HONORED TO BE ASKED. I SAY, "YES"!
GOOD FORM, AMY.
I PRESENT TO YOU THE NEWEST ADDITION TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS:
AMY ROSE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS FOREVER! YEEPEE!
END

...WE'RE ON A BUILD-UP TO DETONATION...
...BEST GUESS...A YEAR, MAYBE MORE, MAYBE LESS...
...SO WHAT DO WE DO...?
...I WANNA BE A GUARDIAN.
HON?
OH-- MY HEAD!
MOBIUS
25 YEARS LATER
AFTER MEETING WITH TWO OF THE MOST BRILLIANT MINDS IN ALL OF MOBIUS, THE EMISSARY ROTOR AND ECHIDNA SCIENTIST COBAR, IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT--
--SONIC AND KNUCKLES MADE THEIR WAY BACK TO KNUCKLES'S WOODLAND RETREAT WHERE BOTH OF THEIR FAMILIES AWAITED THEM.
SEVERAL HOURS OF SLEEP AND ONE SUNRISE LATER...
GUESS IT'S LATER THAN I THOUGHT!
EVERYONE'S OUTSIDE HAVING BREAKFAST!
I SUPPOSE I SHOULD GET MY TAIL DOWNSTAIRS AND JOIN THEM!
WONDER WHAT ABBY'S SERVING?
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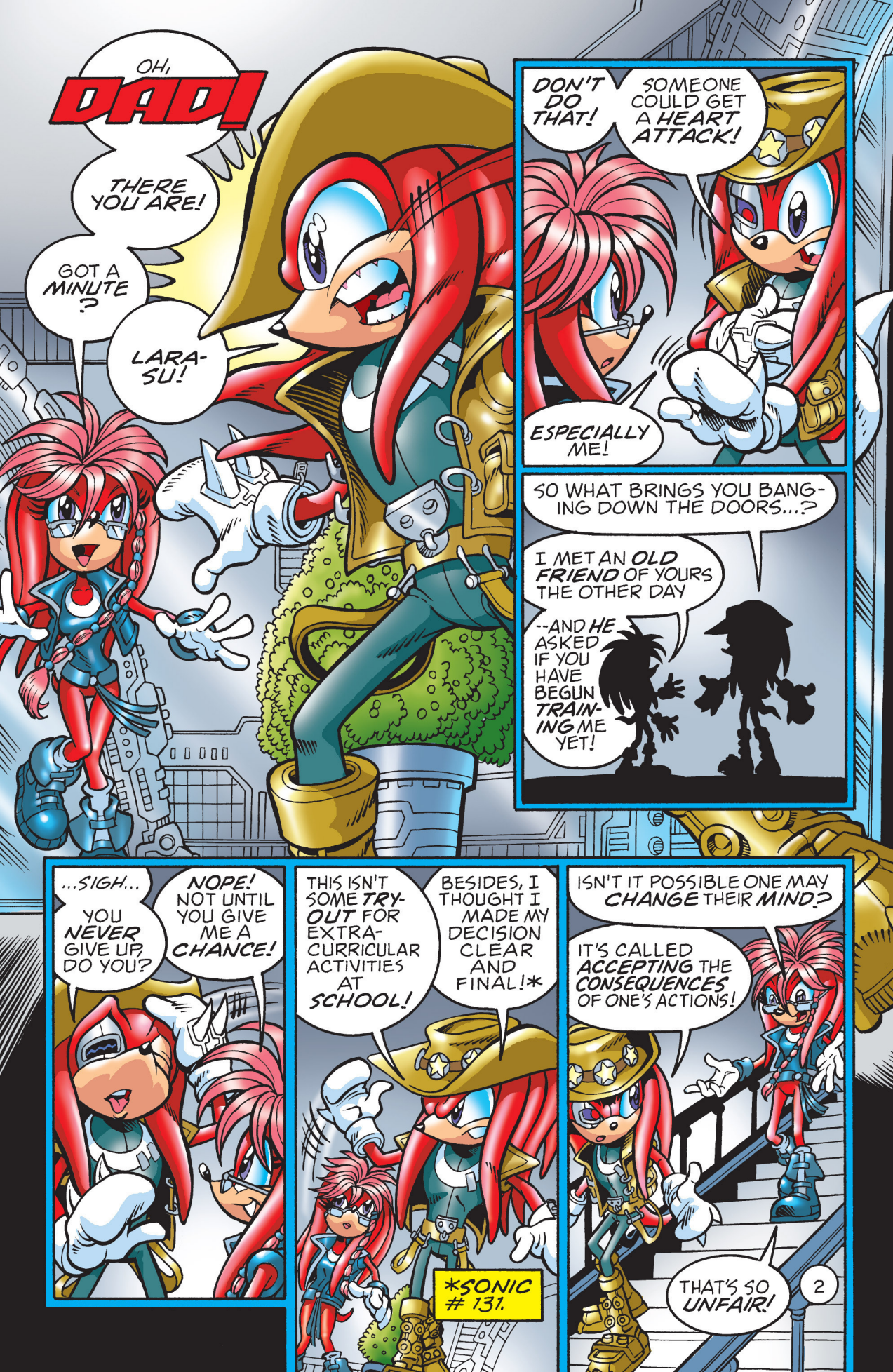
OH, DAD!
THERE YOU ARE!
GOT A MINUTE?
LARA-SU!
DON'T DO THAT!
SOMEONE COULD GET A HEART ATTACK!
ESPECIALLY ME!
SO WHAT BRINGS YOU BANGING DOWN THE DOORS...?
I MET AN OLD FRIEND OF YOURS THE OTHER DAY
--AND HE ASKED IF YOU HAVE BEGUN TRAINING ME YET!
...SIGH...
YOU NEVER GIVE UP, DO YOU?
NOPE! NOT UNTIL YOU GIVE ME A CHANCE!
THIS ISN'T SOME TRY-OUT FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL!
BESIDES, I THOUGHT I MADE MY DECISION CLEAR AND FINAL!*
*SONIC # 131.
ISN'T IT POSSIBLE ONE MAY CHANGE THEIR MIND?
IT'S CALLED ACCEPTING THE CONSEQUENCES OF ONE'S ACTIONS!
THAT'S SO UNFAIR!
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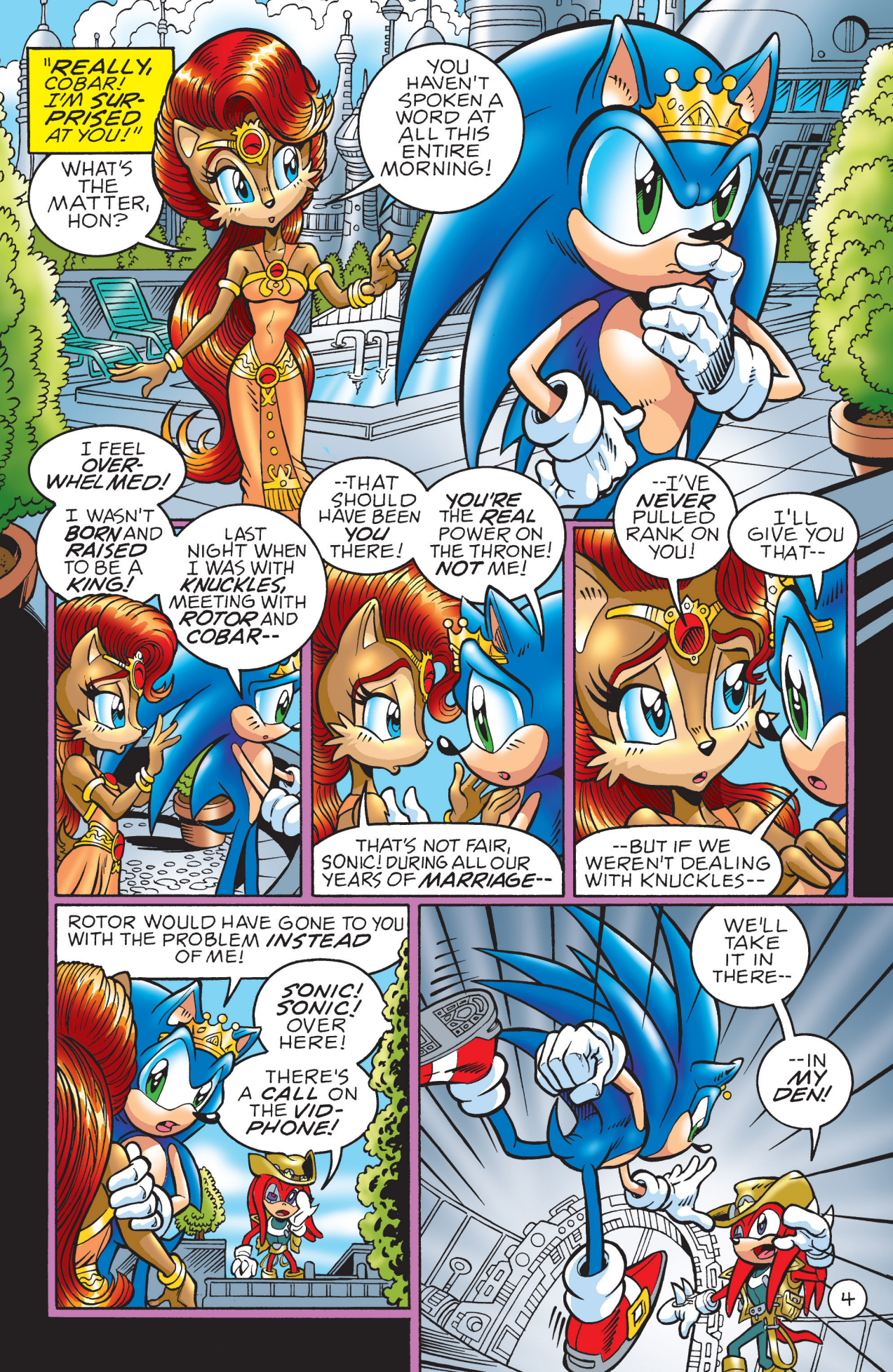
"YEAH, SO'S LIFE! BY THE WAY, WHICH OLD FRIEND...?"
WE HAVE A PROBLEM!
THE SIMULATIONS AREN'T PROVIDING US WITH ENOUGH DATA NECESSARY TO WORK OUT A CORRECTIVE FORMULA!
MY BIGGEST FEARS HAVE BEEN REALIZED--
==AND I'M AT A LOSS AS TO MAKING A SUGGESTION!
INSUFFICIENT DATA
INSUFFICIENT DATA
INSUFFICIENT
HOW CAN WE POSSIBLY COME UP WITH A SOLUTION TO A PROBLEM REQUIRING LONG-TERM OBSERVATION--
--WHEN TIME IS THE ONE COMMODITY WE DON'T HAVE?
TIME? DID YOU SAY TIME?
MAYBE THAT'S OUR ANSWER!
WHAT IF--WE WERE ABLE TO--
--GO BACK IN TIME?
MY DEAR ROTOR--AND I SAY THIS WITH AFFECTION AND RESPECT--
--BUT HAVE YOU GONE MAD?
EVEN WERE SUCH A CONCEPT POSSIBLE, IT'S A FIELD OF RESEARCH WHICH ECHIDNA SCIENTISTS ARE BANNED FROM EXPLORING!
IT'S NOT THE ECHIDNA SCIENTISTS I HAD IN MIND!
IF NOT THEM, WHERE ON THIS ENTIRE WORLD--
--WOULD YOU FIND ACCESS TO SUCH TECHNOLOGY?


"REALLY, COBAR! I'M SURPRISED AT YOU!"
WHAT'S THE MATTER, HON?
YOU HAVEN'T SPOKEN A WORD AT ALL THIS ENTIRE MORNING!
I FEEL OVERWHELMED!
I WASN'T BORN AND RAISED TO BE A KING!
LAST NIGHT WHEN I WAS WITH KNUCKLES, MEETING WITH ROTOR AND COBAR--
--THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN YOU THERE!
YOU'RE THE REAL POWER ON THE THRONE! NOT ME!
THAT'S NOT FAIR, SONIC! DURING ALL OUR YEARS OF MARRIAGE--
--I'VE NEVER PULLED RANK ON YOU!
I'LL GIVE YOU THAT--
--BUT IF WE WEREN'T DEALING WITH KNUCKLES--
ROTOR WOULD HAVE GONE TO YOU WITH THE PROBLEM INSTEAD OF ME!
SONIC! SONIC! OVER HERE!
THERE'S A CALL ON THE VIDPHONE!
WE'LL TAKE IT IN THERE--
--IN MY DEN!
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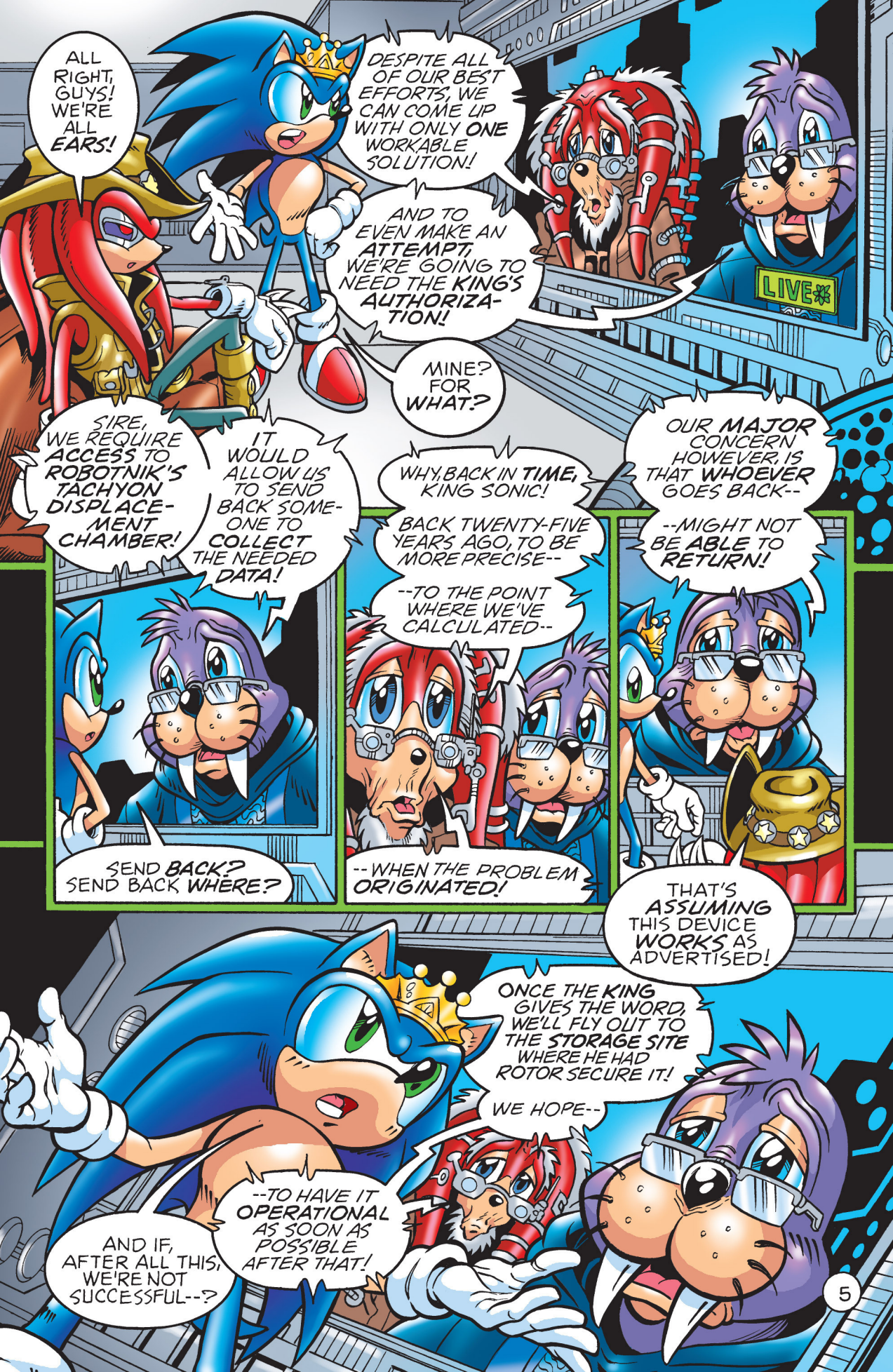
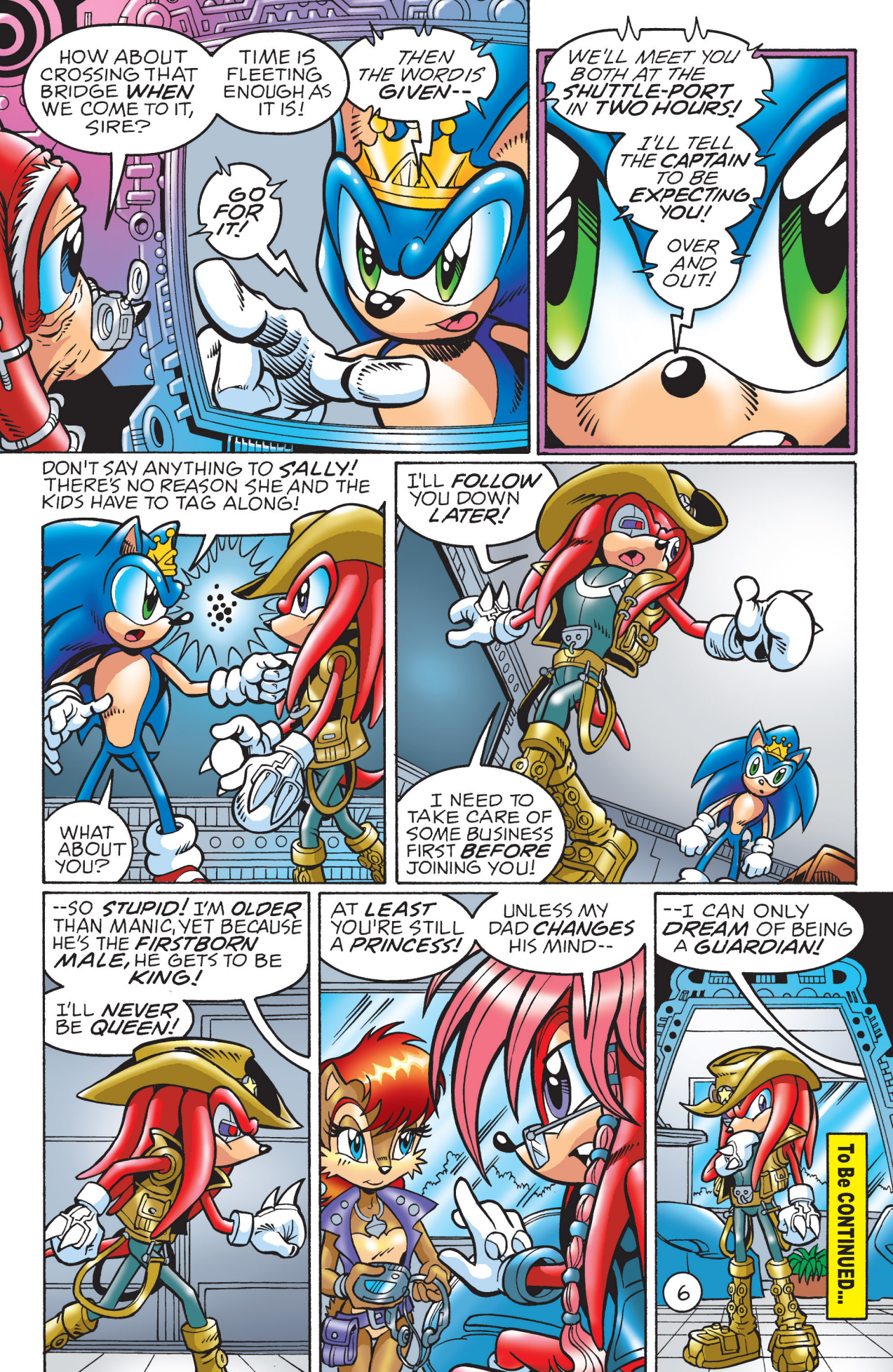

ALL RIGHT, GUYS! WE'RE ALL EARS!
DESPITE ALL OF OUR BEST EFFORTS, WE CAN COME UP WITH ONLY ONE WORKABLE SOLUTION!
AND TO EVEN MAKE AN ATTEMPT, WE'RE GOING TO NEED THE KING'S AUTHORIZATION!
LIVE
MINE? FOR WHAT?
SIRE, WE REQUIRE ACCESS TO ROBOTNIK'S TACHYON DISPLACEMENT CHAMBER!
IT WOULD ALLOW US TO SEND BACK SOMEONE TO COLLECT THE NEEDED DATA!
SEND BACK? SEND BACK WHERE?
WHY, BACK IN TIME, KING SONIC!
BACK TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, TO BE MORE PRECISE--
--TO THE POINT WHERE WE'VE CALCULATED--
--WHEN THE PROBLEM ORIGINATED!
OUR MAJOR CONCERN HOWEVER, IS THAT WHOEVER GOES BACK--
--MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO RETURN!
THAT'S ASSUMING THIS DEVICE WORKS AS ADVERTISED!
ONCE THE KING GIVES THE WORD, WE'LL FLY OUT TO THE STORAGE SITE WHERE HE HAD ROTOR SECURE IT!
WE HOPE--
--TO HAVE IT OPERATIONAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THAT!
AND IF, AFTER ALL THIS, WE'RE NOT SUCCESSFUL--?


HOW ABOUT CROSSING THAT BRIDGE WHEN WE COME TO IT, SIRE?
TIME IS FLEETING ENOUGH AS IT IS!
THEN THE WORD IS GIVEN--
GO FOR IT!
WE'LL MEET YOU BOTH AT THE SHUTTLE-PORT IN TWO HOURS!
I'LL TELL THE CAPTAIN TO BE EXPECTING YOU!
OVER AND OUT!
DON'T SAY ANYTHING TO SALLY! THERE'S NO REASON SHE AND THE KIDS HAVE TO TAG ALONG!
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I'LL FOLLOW YOU DOWN LATER!
I NEED TO TAKE CARE OF SOME BUSINESS FIRST BEFORE JOINING YOU!
--SO STUPID! I'M OLDER THAN MANIC, YET BECAUSE HE'S THE FIRSTBORN MALE, HE GETS TO BE KING!
I'LL NEVER BE QUEEN!
AT LEAST YOU'RE STILL A PRINCESS!
UNLESS MY DAD CHANGES HIS MIND--
--I CAN ONLY DREAM OF BEING A GUARDIAN!
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START

I said there would be some cool announcements to make. So, how does the return of Shadow sound?! Just this morning I was looking at the artwork for the story arc THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UNKNOWN and you are going to be wowed in a major way. Plus some other major baddies show up and really help Shadow make Sonic's life miserable. This story has what everybody has been begging for...a Sonic vs. Shadow showdown! All the action starts in Sonic 145!

I also mentioned the different look for THE ORIGINAL FREEDOM FIGHTERS, so what do you think? Also, the cover was done differently with Spaz creating the foreground and Steven Butler, Jim Amash and Josh Ray creating the background. We hope you like it. We really tried to make this story special, and just wait until next issue to see what more surprises are up our sleeve!

One more thing before I go, SONIC SUPER SPECIALS, #1 through #10 are being reoffered for sale. For those of you who buy your comics through comic shops, get your shop to order them for you.

See 'ya next month!

MIKE

NEXT ISSUE:

THE ORIGINAL FREEDOM FIGHTERS Part 2 of 2:
Betrayed by one of their own!? Could this be the fate for SONIC and today's Freedom Fighters? The mystery deepens!

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Perhaps one of the greatest chapters of this future featurette! The final fate of one of the greatest Guardians is revealed. And nothing will be the same again!

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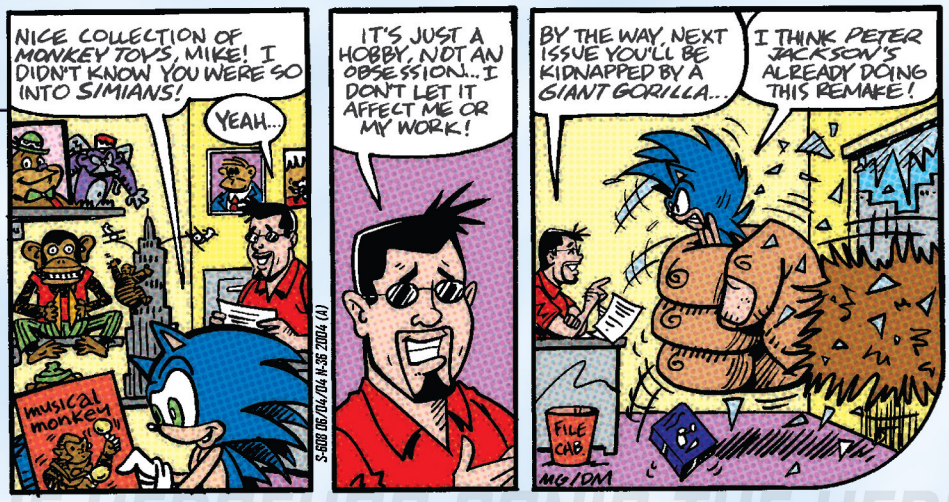
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BY THE WAY, NEXT ISSUE YOU'LL BE KIDNAPPED BY A GIANT GORILLA...
I THINK PETER JACKSON'S ALREADY DOING THIS REMAKE!
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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG SONIC THE HEDG

LETTERS:

DUE TO THE OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF FAN RESPONSE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLY TO EACH FAN. SPACE LIMITATIONS MAY REQUIRE SOME PRINTED LETTERS TO BE EDITED. ALL YOUR LETTERS ARE APPRECIATED!

Dear Sonic-Grams, I really like Sonic, and I just thought I'd let you guys know how good a job you're doing! I really like the covers Spaz does, and my all-time favorite (even though I just found the Sonic comics about six months ago) is issue #128.

Let us know what you think about this issue's (#142) cover, and the "new" style covers we have been doing lately. And even what your all time "fav" cover is.

I've been into Sonic since I was really young, and when I found the Sonic Comics at a local comic and game store I immediately wanted it.

Good man. Demand your Sonic comics!

In fact, it was #128 that I saw first and, after reading it, was amazed by how cool it seemed to me! I'm really bummed right now because I haven't been able to go to the comic store for a few months, so I've probably missed 3 or 4 issues!

CALVIN MONTEROS
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If a comic book speciality store runs out, let the store know they have to order more! If you can't get to your local comic seller, get yourself a Sonic subscription with the Sonic Checklist! *(Shameless Plug#1)*

Hi, I think you're doing a great job with the Sonic comics. I've played the Sonic games when they first came out (I was six then), but I never knew there was an actual comic series until a month ago. I was browsing through the extras in SONIC MEGA COLLECTION when I discovered the Sonic cover collection.

Yeah, that is so cool! The SONIC MEGA COLLECTION is a great collection of the classic Sonic games, if any of you haven't played it you must do so now! The Sonic comics cover gallery is, of course, the way past coolest feature!

You can imagine the look on my face when I not only found out that there was a Sonic comic series started many years ago, but that it was STILL in print! After some extensive searching I finally found a corner store in my mall that carried it. Oh well, with any luck I'll eventually catch up with the times in Mobius. On the plus side, I now have something to preoccupy myself (I'm 17) with as I venture into college.

TRISTAN FLUMERFELT
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Hey Sonic-Grams, I am a 13-year-old girl who loves anime and mostly reads manga. In fact, the Sonic the Hedgehog comic is the only American comic book series that I like!

Sonic is awesome! Check out our Sabrina the Teenage Witch comic, you will definitely like that comic too. Not only does Jim Amash, Jeff Powell, Jason Jensen and I work on it but, so does writer/artist Tania Del Rio, who is a huge Sonic fan. If we beg her maybe she can do a Sonic story for us!

And I've finally decided to write to you guys. Think of this as an honor, since I can put things off for a while, forgetting about it until it's too late. I think your comic book series is wonderful (like most people who write to you). I especially think it's hilarious that you made a parody of the anime Sailor Moon (SONIC SUPER-SPECIAL #8: Sally Moon).

As I mentioned in my editioral, the SUPER SPECIALS, #1 through #10 are being reoffered for sale. Go to your local comic shop and order them today! *(Shameless Plug#2)*

I hope you do more parodies of anime like that. And to reply to the question you asked last issue: I think the most surprising discovery for me was that Knuckles now has a baby brother. I have a baby brother myself, and I feel sorry for Knuckles. Though, you can't help but agree that the little guy's adorable. Speaking of adorable.....Will you ever have Cream & Cheese featured in the comic? Even maybe a brief cameo, or their own Super-Special. Just include Cream the Rabbit and her chao sidekick Cheese in something! PLEEEAAASE!!!!!!!

Yes. But you'll have to wait a little longer.

I'd also like to know when everyone else (Tails, Amy, Shadow, etc.) will appear in Mobius: 25 Years Later. I want to know what they look like!!!!!

Tails showed up in the controversial #138, and Amy and Shadow have yet to make an appearance in M:25YL.

And last, but not least, my final question. A lot of people that I see on the letters page always ask where Shadow is now. But, while I think that Shadow is awesome and deserves his own video game and comic book series, what I'd like to know is where Rouge is. Is she doing some behind-the-scenes mission for the president of Station Square? Is she hunting for jewels? Is she dead? WHERE THE HECK IS SHE?!?!

Keep up the good work, and I'll keep reading.

RACHEL COX
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Have we ever got a tale to tell with Rouge coming up. Jewel thievery, deceit, lies and other typical Rouge, bad behavior. It's gonna be good. But that is for another bat-time!

Dear Sonic-Grams, I was pretty much a Sonic fan since I was 2-years-old, when my parents first bought me the SEGA GENESIS and the 1st Sonic the Hedgehog game. Then I bought my first Sonic comic when I knew how to read (it was the SONIC BLAST adaption). I've been reading your comics since, cause YOU GUYS ROCK! But enough of my life story. You guys at ARCHIE COMICS are doing a great job with the comics. Umm....Just a lil' request, is there any possible way to see more Metal Sonic?

Metal Sonic, you say? That is one request we can fill in a major way. Hang around a few issues if you have the "Metal." *(Hint, hint)*

He's my favorite character and I've been trying to get all the issues of him, please? Oh, one more thing before I leave. I wanted to clear up something. There's millions who like Sonic, but #1 fan seems way to hard to reach! I'm probably #253 or something...Again, YOU GUYS ROCK!

EDWARD KAJ
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Fan #253 is all you.

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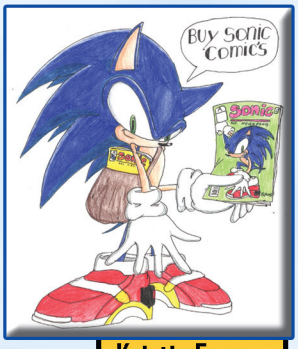

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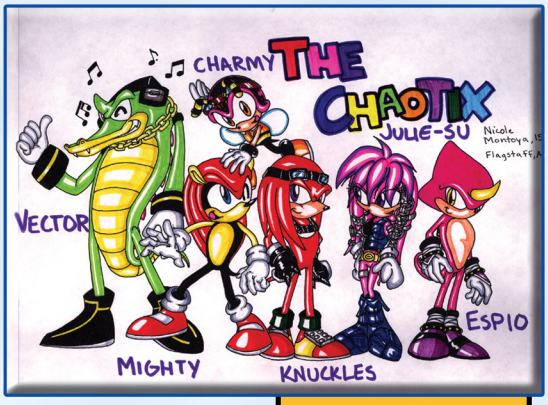

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